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LETTER DATED 27 APRIL 1994 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement dated 25 April 1994 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia concerning anti-Yugoslav activities pursued by Albania.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIĆ
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Annex

The Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia expresses its concern at the repeated provocations of border incidents and the escalation of the anti-Yugoslav campaign by Albania, which is a continued expression of its territorial claims against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. The unfounded attacks on Yugoslavia, joined by the Permanent Mission of Albania to the United Nations, have been motivated by the demonstrations of Albanian separatists in New York, the deterioration of the Albanian-Greek relations and the latest incident on the Yugoslav-Albanian border provoked by Albania. In order to conceal its own responsibility for the deterioration of relations with its neighbours, the Albanian Government, short of any arguments, has once again resorted to the well-known method of fabricating accusations against Yugoslavia. The Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs rejects as unfounded the accusations presented in the statements and communiqués of the representatives of the Albanian Government circulated in the United Nations.

On 15 April 1994, the Permanent Mission of Albania to the United Nations distributed a statement on anti-Yugoslav demonstrations of Albanian separatists in New York. In doing so, Albania once again openly supported in the world Organization's Headquarters the demands of Albanian separatists for the creation of the so-called independent "republic of Kosovo". In this way, Albania manifested its territorial claims against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia before the eyes of the entire world public. Albania misuses the functioning of its Mission to the United Nations for the violation of the fundamental principles of the Charter of the United Nations of respect for territorial integrity, sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of other States.

In the letter by Albanian Foreign Minister A. Serequi of 11 April addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1994/416) and in the Declaration of the Albanian Government of 13 April on the deterioration of the Albanian-Greek relations following the incident on the Albanian-Greek border, Albania vehemently and without any reason attacked Yugoslavia and accused Greece, Chairman of the European Union, for its positions on the Yugoslav crisis. This is not the first time that Albania has levelled unscrupulous accusations against Yugoslavia, the Serbian leadership and its other neighbours in its attempts to conceal its own responsibility before the Albanian and international public for its dangerous policy, which is the main source of instability in the region.

The incident on the Yugoslav-Albanian border of 15 April was used by the Albanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to level new accusations against Yugoslavia in its statement of 18 April. This time, Albania accused Yugoslavia and Greece of provoking coordinated border incidents, which Yugoslavia rejects as unfounded and malicious. All the responsibility for the 15 April incident is borne by the Albanian side, which has provoked incidents on the Yugoslav-Albanian border on a continuous basis and over a protracted period of time. Two Albanian citizens, crossing the State border illegally, were killed, as admitted also by Albania, 150 metres deep in the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia as they ignored the warning of the Yugoslav border guards to stop. The Federal Ministry

of Foreign Affairs reiterates that all the responsibility is borne by the Albanian side, which continues to violate the generally accepted norms of respect for inter-State borders.

The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia deplores that, instead of improving its relations with its neighbours and consolidating them gradually, the Albanian Government has determined to continue to exacerbate them.

The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia calls on the Government of Albania once again to end its anti-Yugoslav and anti-Serbian propaganda and the policy of confrontation and to accept the policy of good-neighbourliness and cooperation, to which the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is genuinely committed.